



Geography and Society: Full Course Summary

This is a full-credit course intended for a student taking the course for the first time. The student will be expected to cover all material in the course.

Course Summary

Students build the skills they acquired in World Geography. In addition, students delve into different aspects of geography, such as culture, government, and economics. Students also build practical skills using geographic concepts such as weather forecasting and map creation.

Prerequisites: n/a

Unit 1: Geography Workshop

In this unit, you will begin by learning about the different perspectives that underpin the science of geography. Once you have become familiar with those concepts, you will work extensively with the primary tool of a geographer: maps. From examining how maps have evolved over centuries, their different forms and uses, and utilizing maps, you will gain an appreciation for the work that geographers do in our society.

Lessons

1. Introduction to Geography
2. Introduction to Maps
3. Mental Maps
4. Patrol Maps
5. Representing the Earth: History
6. Absolute Location
7. Regions
8. Shape of the World
9. Map Maker
10. Careers in Geography
11. Unit Review
12. Unit Assessment

Unit 2: Physical Systems

In this unit, you will examine the physical systems that shape and affect our everyday lives through weather and climate. You will begin by examining the major components of Earth's physical systems and how the Earth's relationship with the Sun plays a dramatic role in our world. Once you have completed your study of those systems, you will study how those systems affect the climate and weather all over the planet.

Lessons

1. An Introduction to Physical Systems
2. Forces of Change: The Lithosphere
3. Water Cycle: The Hydrosphere
4. The Skies Above: The Atmosphere

5. Life on Earth: The Biosphere
6. Climate and Weather
7. The Earth-Sun Relationship
8. Predicting the Weather
9. Natural Disasters
10. The Christmas Day Tsunami (2004)
11. Unit Review
12. Unit Assessment

Unit 3: Environmental Issues

In this unit, you will examine the environmental issues that affect the biodiversity of our planet. You will examine the impact that humans have on the environment as well as what can be done to honor and protect it. Your study of population growth, land use, conservation, and climate change will identify factors that can positively influence and protect the planet. You will watch a multimedia presentation in order to investigate the available sources of renewable and nonrenewable energy and explore which sources have the least impact on the natural world.

Lessons

1. Introduction to Environmental Issues
2. Population Growth
3. Land Use
4. Conservation
5. Climate Change
6. Energy
7. Investigating Energy Alternatives
8. Unit Review
9. Unit Assessment

Unit 4: Human Systems

In this unit, you will examine components of culture and how cultures change over time. You will learn about the primary world religions and belief systems of the eastern and western hemispheres. Your exploration of how societies govern themselves will include an analysis of political maps. By the end of this unit, you will draw your own conclusions about the electoral process governing the United States.

Lessons

1. Introduction to Culture
2. How Geography Influences Culture
3. Culture and Society
4. Introduction to Western Religions
5. Introduction to Eastern Religions
6. Introduction to Government
7. Modern Government
8. Portfolio - Political Maps
9. Economic Systems
10. Cultural Change

11. Unit Review
12. Unit Assessment

Unit 5: Migration and Cultural Exchange

In this unit, you will examine what makes the United States a melting pot. You will interpret population patterns and consider solutions for managing population growth. Your study of the causes and effects of migration will include two primary accounts, one from a Mexican migrant and one from an Afghan refugee. Your study of cultural diffusion and multiculturalism will identify factors that unite and divide humans living in the United States and around the world.

Lessons

1. Population
2. Future Trends
3. Migration
4. Immigrants and Refugees
5. Stories from a Small World
6. Cultural Exchange
7. Multiculturalism
8. The Most Recognized Symbols on Earth
9. Unit Review
10. Unit Assessment

Unit 6: Resources and Conflict

In this unit, you will study and learn how to examine ongoing conflicts all over the globe. Using critical thinking and analysis, you will learn what kinds of conflicts exist, who the key players or groups in those conflicts are, and why conflicts may be happening. Through learning how to apply these critical analysis skills, you will also learn how to compare and contrast existing conflicts in order to gain a greater and more complex understanding of future conflicts around the world.

Lessons

1. Introduction to Regional Conflict
2. Xinjiang
3. Chechnya
4. Burma (Myanmar)
5. Kashmir
6. Quebec
7. Mexico
8. Somalia
9. Sudan
10. Compare and Contrast Regional Conflicts
11. Unit Review
12. Unit Assessment

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